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SUBJECT: AD-70 - REVIEW OF FLANK REPORTS

1. EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP OF AD-70 ON 5 APRIL REVIEWED REPORTS ON " SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN FLANK" (AC/281- REPORT(73)7, AC/281- REPORT(73)12) AND ON " SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE SOUTHERN FLANK" (AC/281- REPORT(73)8). NORWEGIAN AND DANISH REPS PUSHED FOR MORE POSITIVE TONE IN EWG DEALING WITH NORTHERN FLANK. GREEK AND TURKISH REPS EMPHASIZED NEED FOR EXTERNAL OR MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE IN SOUTHEASTERN COUNTRIES. BOTH ITALIAN AND TURKISH REPS STRESSED NEED FOR MORE COVERAGE OF MEASURES TO COUNTER SOVIET EXPANSION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

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2. TURKISH REP PROPOSED FORMATION OF AN OPEN- ENDED SUB- GROUP TO STUDY APPROPRIATE " MACHINERY IN NATO

TO INCREASE, FACILITATE AND COORDINATE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE REGIONAL COUNTRIES" (TEXT SEPTEL). EWG WILL TAKE UP TURKISH PROPOSAL AND REMAINING INPUT REPORTS (COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS, COOPERATION IN ARMAMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, FINANCIAL PLANNING) ON 12 APRIL. WASHINGTON ACTION REQUESTED: AGREEMENT TO FORMATION OF AN OPEN- ENDED SUB- GROUP OF EWG TO EXAMINE WAYS OF MEETING THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OFG ACTIVITIES UNDER POMPIDOU INITIATIVE AND TO OBTAIN RUNDOWN ON PROGRESS OF FIVE COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED UNDER THAT INITIATIVE BY 1972 DECLARATION OF ROME.

3. BELGIANS SAID THAT COMMITTEE ON HARMONIZATION OF LEGISLATION, WHICH MRS. OSCHINSKY CHAIRS, WILL PROBABLY COMPLETE ITS WORK IN JUNE BUT, IN ANY CASE, WILL DEFINITELY HAVE ITS FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS READY FOR NEXT MEETING OF MINISTERS, WHICH FRANCE IS TO CALL LATE THIS YEAR. THE HELATH COMMITTEE, CHAINED BY UK, WAS PROGRESSING WELL, WOULD MEET AGAIN THIS MONTH, AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY COMPLETE ITS WORK BY FALL; ITS CONCLUSION WAS LIKELY TO BE THAT THERE IS LITTLE UPON WHICH TO COLLABORATE IN FIELDS OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OTHER THAN IN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DATA. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY FRANCE, HAS NOT MET, BUT NATIONAL " CORRESPONDENTS," OF WHOM BOCQUE IS ONE, HAVE AGREED TO PREPARE BY FALL RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUATION OF WORK UNDER POMPIDOU INITIATIVE AS INTERGOVERNMENTAL EFFORT OF NINE EC COUNTRIES (EC COMMISSION AND SWEDEN ARE NOW " OBSERVERS" AND EFFORT IS NOW KNOWN OFFICIALLY AS EUROPEAN- VICE ANGLO- EUROPEAN- COLLABORATION AFAINST DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFICKING) OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO PROCEED WITHIN EC OR COUNCIL OF EUROPE. NEITHER GERMANS NOT ITALIANS HAVE YET CALLED MEETINGS OF THEIR COMMITTEES, WHICH ARE ON EDUCATION AND INFORMATION AND ON ENFORCEMENT, RESPECTIVELY, AND AS FAR AS THE BELGIANS ARE AWARE HAVE DONE NOTHING SO FAR BUT GATHER INFORMATION. BELGIANS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WORK OF COMMITTEES NEED NOT PROCEED IN PARALLEL AND THAT MINISTERS COULD ACT UPON WHATEVER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE BEFORE THEM WHEN THEY NEXT MET.

4. MRS. OSCHINSKY EXPLAINED THAT HER COMMITTEE HAD FOUND THAT SEVERITY OF PENALTIES FOR DRUG OFFENSES NOT ONLY VARIED BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO VARY AMONG EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND EXCEPT WHERE OBVIOUSLY OUT OF LINE WITH SERIOUSNESS OF OFFENSES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- AS ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREED WAS TRUE BELGIUM' S MILD PENALTIES WHICH GOBHAS PROPOSED THAT PARLIAMENT INCREASE) WERE NOT BASIC PROBLEM IN HARMONIZATION. HER COMMITTEE WAS THEREFORE FOCUSING UPON NEED TO DEVELOP AGREED ATTITUDES AND APPROACHES WITH RESPECT TO LEGAL ASPECTS OF CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT WHICH ARE ALSO CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND TREATIES. BESIDES

REVIEWING THESE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF STATES UNDER THEM, COMMITTEE IS STUDYING PROBLEMS OF EXTRADITION, DESIGNATION AND CONTROL OF NON- NARCOTIC DRUGS, AND DIFFICULTIES ENGENDERED BY ELIMINATION OF CONTROLS OVER TRAVEL AND COMMERCE WITHIN THE COMMON MARKET AS WELL AS BY EFFORTS TO SIMPLIFY AND EXPEDITE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND PEOPLE INTO AND OUT OF COMMON MARKET AS WHOLE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY CONCERNING ANY POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROGRESS OF WORK UNDER THE POMPIDOU INITIATIVE WITH THAT OF BELGIAN PARLIAMENT ON GOB PROPOSALS NOW BEFORE IT, MRS. OSCHINSKY ASSURED EMBOFF THERE WAS NONE. SHE THOUGHT BELGIAN SENATE WOULD BEGIN ACTION AFTER EASTER ON GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZED TRAFFIC FOR CURRENT TWO YEARS CONFINEMENT TO 10 TO 15 YEARS CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR AND, FOR " PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY" IN REGARD THERETO, TO 15 TO 20 YEARS AT HARD LABOR. ALL THREE BELGIANS AGREED THAT URGENT PARLIAMENTARY ACTION WAS NECESSARY, SINCE LENIENCY OF PRESENT LAW IS MAJOR FACTOR IN ATTRACTING INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKERS TO BELGIUM. END UNCLASSIFIED

6. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COMMENT: BELGIANS DID NOT CONCEAL THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GERMAN AND ITALIAN LEADERSHIP OF THEIR COMMITTEES. IN THIS REGARD, WE NOTE APPARENT ANOMALY BETWEEN ITALIAN CONCERN THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS PROPOSED BY US WOULD INTERFERE WITH WORK UNDER THE POMPIDOU INITIATIVE (BRUSSELS 1783 AND BRUSSELS 1898 - NOTAL) AND REPORTED INACTION OF ITALIANS THEMSELVES IN ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE. UNCLASSIFIED PARAS ABOVE WERE FORWARDED TO BAUMGARTNER FOR HIS INFORMATION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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